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Dark Delhi

New Delhi (IBS) - For the citizen of India's 'glorious' Capital, the city has become a dungeon, veritable crypt from which there is no escape, thanks to the incompetence of the state owned Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking.

Day after day and (even night after night) DESU officials play the macabre game of "switching off the power," leaving commuters, office goers, workers, factories, business houses, hospitals and housewives to play an unwanted game of "blind man's buff."

Since mid-April this year, Delhi has had nearly 800 hours without lights - a month in four of total darkness. Industry, business, offices, hospitals and homes have been hit.

While factory owners have complained of losses up to several hundred thousand dollars per week, traders and shopkeepers found the four-to-six hour power cuts costing them 75 per cent of their business.

Hospitals, including the prestigious All-India Institute of Medical Sciences found patients in operation theatres, often with the surgeon's knife in them, dying on the table due to lack of oxygen - the main production plant lost 75 per cent of its capacity due to power cuts, while children home from school have to cope with candles to do their homework, housewives cook by kerosene lamp and those on roads and highways run high accident risk due to street lights being extinguished.

Uncannily, in past years power cuts used to take place between May-June, when the Yamuna river was running low due to summer rainfall being scanty. Good seasonal rainfall- Uttar Pradesh further downstream is in deluge - this year, ironically, has resulted in power cuts becoming acute. The administrative bosses at DESU ignore the entire situation by denying power cuts. Engineers blame the faulty congral government for bad planning and organisation.

Only in one area do the lights never go out. That is the V.V.I.P. belt where the embassies, Presidential palace, Prime Minister's mansion and other big-wigs reside. They are given power even at the cost of hospitals being kept in darkness - along with 7 million other lesser mortals who are doomed to a dark city.

Rats and five star living

Bangalore, (UNI) - Rats here seem to have developed a taste for high living.

The Snobbish rodents abound in five-star hotels whose spacious lawns, plentiful and rich food, dark and false ceilings, and service ducts prove particularly attractive to them. A five-star hotel owned by the Karnataka Government is plagued by rats which nibble at its delicious and expensive pastries.

In the beach resort hotel of the India Tourism Development Corporation at Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu, rats have caused considerable damage to lawns and gnawed away the shoes and suitcases of many a guest.

Opposition to fight security powers

New Delhi (Reuter) - Indian opposition leaders say they will resist special Government detention powers aimed at checking violence and restoring order.

Under a national security ordinance issued Monday night, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Government and the country's 22 state administrations can detain a person for up to 12 months without trial.

A leader of the ruling Congress (I) Party, P.A. Sangma, said the ordinance was needed to create a "congenial atmosphere" for Mrs. Gandhi to administer this country of 660 million people.

But Tarakeshwari Sinha of the rival Congress (U) Party accused the Government yesterday of bringing emergency measures through the back door. "We will resist with all our strength such a Draconian law," Mrs. Sinha said.

Promode Dasgupta of the Marxist-Communist Party (CPM), which heads left-wing coalition Governments in three states, said his party would launch "a movement against this anti-people measure inside and outside Parliament."

The CPM and the Congress (U) are among six opposition parties holding a joint national convention this weekend to launch "popular movements" against rising prices and communal disturbances and to defend civil liberties.

Former Railways Minister Madhu Dandavate, whose Janata Party defeated Mrs. Gandhi in the 1977 election, said there was every possibility the ordinance would be used as a repressive instrument to curb the liberties of organizations pursuing agitation or legitimate trade union activities.

English Shukla's enemy

New Delhi (IBS) - The English language is an "enemy" of Indian languages. This was the euphemerical comment made by V.C. Shukla, Union Minister for Civil Supplies at the 'Hindi Diwas' function.

The Minister stressed that regional languages including Tamil, Kannada and Maharati would have to fight to rid themselves of the English stigma before getting recognition or developing.

He said that English, and not Hindi was to blame for the language tussle in this country and that if the seven chief regional languages could be translated into two or three major ones in Parliament, then the need to speak English could be cast aside.

Ironically, the anti-English bug had, first arisen, back in 1954, when the fanatical Morarji Desai had tried to obliterate it from schools in Maharashtra, where he was then Chief Minister. A major Supreme Court move had been made by the Anglo-Indian community, which resulted in the Nehru formula being instituted allowing minorities to educate their children in the language of their choice.

Through the sixties, people like Desai, Atal Behari Vajpayee and other Jan Singh and RSS minded individuals had tried to stir up anti-English agitations which were successfully stopped by the minorities and those in the southern states.

Ironically, also, in a day and age in which English has become a global tongue with everyone from Soviet Russia, Communist China and even the one-time head hunters of New Guinea, recognising the worth of English, insame fanatics in India want to literally throw aside a rich legacy bequeathed to them and go their own narrow way.

Communists to unite

New Delhi, Oct 3 (UNI) - The communist party of India (Marxist) and the Communist Party of India are closer today than at any time since the 1964 split, according to top leaders of the two parties.

Discussing the relations between the two parties, in separate talks with UNI, these leaders, who preferred not to be named, said the improved understanding was the result of joint efforts to build democratic unity.

While they still differed on important ideological, international and national issues, the two parties have achieved a working relationship on specific problems facing the masses.

There are no serious differences between them in their assessment of the current political situation

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500 billion water scheme

New Delhi (UNI) - A massive Rs 500,000 million water resources development plan, which according to experts, will be one of the biggest of such projects in the world, has been prepared by India's Irrigation Ministry.

The national perspective plan envisages construction of about 150 million acre feet of storages. These storages and inter-links would enable additional utilisation of nearly 170 million acre feet of water, bringing under irrigation an additional area of 35 million hectares, generation of 40 million kilowatts of hydro power capacity, flood control and other multi-purpose benefits to the country.

In fact, both the ministry for irrigation and power have joined hands in harnessing the water resources for power generation. According to experts in the energy ministry, the cost of hydel generation is the minimum, although the gestation period is slightly more than that of thermal generation.

The plan, comprises two main features of the Himalayan rivers development and the peninsular rivers development.

The plan, formulated after the rejection of the Garland schemes by Dr K.L. Rao and Captain Dastur's plan, has a distinctive feature that it aims at the transfer of water essentially by gravity and only in small reaches by lifts not exceeding 400 feet. The scheme is not only economically feasible but also technically possible. Moreover, the technology proposed in the plan is already known and tried successfully in the country. Consequently its planning and implementation would be entirely by Indian experts without any foreign assistance.

Initially, priority is proposed to be given to the development of storage and gravity links to exploit maximum benefits of hydro power generation in initial stages and at the same time extend irrigation benefits to large areas.

India and Kampuchea

New Delhi (IBS) - Later this month the UN is to meet to decide whether Kampuchea should be represented by the Heng Samrin regime or the Pol Pot one - the former having arisen following the Vietnamese invasion of that country and the ouster of Pol Pot. India is out, along with the Soviet bloc, to root loudly for Heng Samrin, for New Delhi has already announced recognition of that regime.

However, India suddenly finds itself in an embarrassing position - it happens to be the only non-aligned recognising Kampuchea and will perhaps be the only non-aligned and only Third World country to plug for Samrin representation in the UN. Which, of course, must strengthen the general global belief that India is not only aligned, but also heavily pro-Soviet.

Currently Swaran Singh is out and about, visiting South-East Asian and African countries, struggling to win over at least one or other non-aligned and Third World countries before the UN meet takes place. India has no stomach to stand out alone as the only "non-aligned" state to back Samrin with the Soviet Union.

There is small hope that Swaran Singh will be successful. ASIAN countries have, very recently, actually hardened their attitude against the Samrin puppet regime. India's only hope is Singapore, where Swaran Singh is putting in his hardest work.

A few months ago Foreign Secretary Eric Gonsalves had toured Third World countries with the same objective and came back empty-handed, though offering hopes. Nothing materialised since then.

Taj and pollution

Agra, Oct. 3 (UNI) - Even as public opinion mounts against the pollution hazard to the world famous Taj Mahal, foundry units in Agra claim not guilty.

A report published by the Agra iron Founders Association says the share of foundry units in polluting the atmosphere around Agra and the Taj Mahal was only 9.31 per cent.

Agra foundry units used only 2,00 tonnes of hard coke per month compared to 44,000 tonnes of steam and soft coal used by railway marshalling yards, thermal power stations and the glass industry at Ferozabad, nearby. The report also points out that hard coke contained only one sixth of sulphur compared to steam coal. About 50 per cent of the sulphur was absorbed by the molten metal.

Pollution around the Taj Mahal was not only caused by smoke from foundry units, but also from the railways, two thermal power stations and numerous diesel and petrol automobiles plying in the city, the report says. The report suggests a study of the level of sulphur content in the atmosphere be made by experts at the monitoring station at Agra.

Bangalore (UNI) - The sparkling white marble of the Taj Mahal - Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan's monument to his wife Mumtaz Mahal - will begin to turn yellow within five to ten years from the commissioning of the Mathura refinery about 45 kms away, according to a noted environmental expert.

The pollutants from the refinery expected to go on stream early next year, would also rob the great monument of all its lustre. In course of time, the marble would get perforated and "would even fall apart, depending upon the density and duration of pollution", Professor J.M. Dave, former environmental adviser to the Central Government, said in an interview.

Professor Dave, who made extensive studies on the danger to the Taj from pollution, said the "first visible signs of decay" would be seen within five to ten years. When the crystalline structure was destroyed by acidity, weather would take over to do the rest of the damage.

Professor Dave said that to minimize the damage to the Taj Mahal, a green belt should be raised around both the monument and the refinery. Stern measures should also be taken to eliminate sulphur dioxide effluents from the refinery, he added.

Menopause and cancer

Calcutta (UNI) - Women become more prone to ovarian cancer after menopause, according to a medical study.

The study was conducted by a team of medical experts led by Dr. N.N. Roy Chowdhury of the Eden Hospital attached to The Medical College here. It examined 117 women suffering from ovarian malignancy.

Of the total number of patients examined, 76.4 per cent suffered from ovarian cancer after menopause, the study revealed. The incidence of ovarian malignancy was higher (92 per cent) when menopause occurred between 41 and 50 years of age.

The experts conducted the study to find out the correlation of the epidemiological factors in ovarian cancer - age, marital status and period of secondary infertility.

Special riot police

New Delhi (IBS) - A highly mobile special peace-keeping force is being put into shape by the Centre with the prime objective of aiding States where riots break out. The force will be well equipped, and will be quickly mobile on land and in the air.

Three battalions are being initially whipped up, and will consist dominantly of members of various minority communities and castes and tribes. Quick recruitment has been ordered.

The force will not only be trained to use modern standard weapons and to handle communal situations, but will also be able to perform first-aid duties and behave in a manner that will instill some confidence in minority communities most affected by violence.

Recently the para-military forces have been coming under increased pressure, and by themselves were beginning to find it impossible to control violently spreading flare-ups. Often the Army has had to be called out to deal with dangerous crisis. The strengths of the para-military forces have been raised considerably, and yet their numbers are found insufficient.

No Dacca gas

New Delhi (IBS) - Bangladesh is reportedly retreating from its earlier plan of supplying natural gas to India after the latter builds the pipeline between gas sources and Calcutta. A Dacca paper reported that Bangladesh is, instead, thinking of setting up its own petroleum liquification plant.

Earlier Indo-Bangla talks wound up with the tentative Bangla offer of a trillion cubic of natural gas spread over 20 years, and India's offer to finance and build the entire pipeline for supplies to flow into Calcutta.

Dacca is supposed to have obtained US and World Bank assurances of aid in building its own liquification plant. Japan is also interested in helping out.

No body in Bangladesh was ever happy, says the paper, at the proposed sale of precious gas to India. There was a steadily growing opposition to the very idea, and demands that the Zia-ur-Rahman government save the reserves.

There is, however, no official word from Dacca. India is understandably concerned that it may lose out on cheap and easy gas supply so badly needed here.

Travel concession fraud

Chandigarh (UNI) - Can a woman in labour pains at a hospital here in northern India be simultaneously in Kanyakumari on the Southern most tip of the country?

While solving this riddle, the Chandigarh vigilance cell has uncovered a leave travel concession scandal involving thousands of rupees.

A majority of the Government employees here availing themselves and their families have submitted either bogus fare receipts and tickets or false affidavits in support of their claims for the long-distance journey.

In its report to Government, the cell has said that while applying for leave, usually during the summer school vacations, the employees draw 80 per cent advances for travel to distant places like Kanyakumari, Calcutta, Bombay or Bangalore. Once the money is drawn, they go to their home village or town in the neighbouring states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh or Himachal Pradesh.

When their statements of accounts are called for, employees collect bogus tickets and fare receipts in support of their claims after paying a premium of 30 per cent of the gross amount of the fare to bogus transport companies.

The cell claims that a travel agency at a fashionable shopping centre here issues such receipts in the name of four or five fictitious transport companies.

A receipt seized from the agency showed that during the last summer holidays, the agency had issued more than hundred receipts for Kanyakumari alone involving more than Rs 3,00,000. The same agency had also issued hundreds of receipts in the name of other companies allegedly operating from Delhi and other places.

The cell claimed the investigations had exposed only the tip of the iceberg. If all the cases were investigated, the fraud might be seen to involve millions of rupees.

Women police in Madras

Madras (UNI) - Nearly half of the 300 women who appeared for an interview here recently for selection as constables in the Madras City Police were either university graduates or post-graduates.

The minimum educational qualification prescribed for candidates was Standard VIII, two classes below matriculation, but a very large number of those who applied had higher qualifications.

The Tamil Nadu government has decided to recruit 12,000 constables, men and women, to strengthen the police force in the State.

Not all the States of the Indian Union have women police yet, but as crimes on women tend to increase the recruitment of members of the fair sex as limbs of the law cannot be far off.

Among the first of the States to have women police was Kerala, on the extreme south of the country and presently under the rule of a Marxist-led coalition. In Kerala there are police stations entirely "manned" by women cops.

Population control stressed

New Delhi - Short of using compulsion, as was done during the Emergency period between 1975 and 1976, the Centre is committed to regain the momentum of the family planning programme which was lost during the Janata regime of 30 odd months. A new policy is to be announced shortly which will aim at reducing the birth rate per 1,000 to less than 30.

Currently a mere 25 million couples are known to be practising family planning, whereas the number today should have been around 100 million. It is estimated that about 113 million couples are in the reproductive age-group in the country.

The entire population is put at more than 700 million, second only to China's 900 million.

Under the new policy to come, the Centre proposes to introduce several techniques, including 'laparascopy', which is just another form of tubectomy, and which has already been tested with success. Among the proposals which will go to constitute the new policy are the following:

About 50,000 orientation training camps will be held at which two million people will be invited to participate; All-India Radio will air 50,000 programmes for the people concerning family planning; the Information Ministry's song and dance and drama units will organise 25,000 film shows and dramas; family planning posters will flood parts of the country in millions; population education will be included in the formal school system at all levels (this is thought to be a weak and perhaps reckless idea); and a conference of all State health ministers will be called to push the policy when it is announced, or just before.

Indira angry

New Delhi (IBS) - Mrs. Indira Gandhi, whose face has appeared in more publications in India and abroad, including TV political programmes and cinema newsreels, than any Indian alive or dead, still gets grossly angered if the TV cameras or mass media forgetfully accords her less publicity than is her claimed due.

Reports state that an oversight by the producer and bad editing by the backroom boys recently resulted in TV coverage of the National Development Council meeting showing nothing of Mrs. Gandhi who inaugurated the session.

The cameraman had, in fact, accorded the Prime Minister adequate footage when she declared the function open; but in the mixing room the film got misplaced, resulting in Doordarshan showing the ceremony and its aftermath, featuring the visages of everyone - except Mrs. Gandhi.

A curt word from the Prime Minister and her secretary and other hangers-on rushed to telephones to get in contact with the top brass of the TV centre and tell them that heads would roll if this disgraceful omission occurred again.

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One girl, reported that her Arab lover had used her several times a day, resulting in her getting a severe stomach cramp. He then cast her aside saying she was pregnant before he met her. The girl complained to the police who were able to make the Arab pay compensation of around $250.

Several parents, stricken by poverty, volunteer to send their daughters for trials to Arab bridegrooms, in the hope that marriage might alleviate some of their own miseries. Often, the laws of Arab states such as Dubai and Qatar, post restrictions on their citizens marrying foreigners. The grooms, however, sideline the laws and marry the girls and smuggle their brides into their homelands.

The Sultanate of Oman, which has very few eleigable females, even advances grooms money to the tune of $5,000 to find himself a mate. Most of these people land up in India, blow up the money indulging in sex with Indian girls and then return home with the plea that they could not find a suitable woman.

Others, who even take girls home, make them into maid servants, keeping them confined to the house during the day and working at all sorts of menial chores, while using them as concubines at night. Once he is tired of her, he sells her to another single man for between $500 to $2,000, depending on her market value.

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The chief guest, V. Krishnamurthy, Secretary, Department of Heavy Industry, said the size of projects in Saudi Arabia required that the Indian companies organize themselves into consortia. Commercial sophistication and technological upgrading of industry was also necessary.

He urged the private sector to take part in the setting up of industries in association with Saudi entrepreneurs.

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The sea is to be explored, beginning 1982, for fish harvests, minerals, gas and other resources of economic use.

On land, India is shifting its policy from ruthless exploitation to future conservation, as is being done in many other developed countries. Exploitation henceforth will begin shifting to the sea and its vast offerings.

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The official said that following intensive police operations in North Arcot and Dharmapuri districts of Tamil Nadu many Naxalites had moved into different cities in the neighbouring states. The intelligence agencies of the four States and the Central Intelligence Agencies were however keeping a close watch, he said.

DACOITS RISE AGAIN IN CHAMBAL

Bhind (Madhya Pradesh), (UNI) - Eight years after the dacoits of Chambal Valley in Madhya Pradesh bid farewell to arms at the instance of the Sarvodaya leader Jayaprakash Narayan, new gangs have come up in the region. The most prominent of these is the 40-strong gang of Malkhan Singh.

Mother Teresa stamp

New Delhi (IBS) - Mother Teresa was honoured on the occasion of her 70th birthday with the ceremonial release of a postage stamp.

S.K. Ghosh, Secretary to the Communications Ministry, who presented a stamp album to the Nobel Peace laureate, said that was the first time that his department had brought out a stamp on a living personality of great distinction. This, he said, was an extraordinary event.

Rajesh-Dimple split

Bombay, Oct. 3 (UNI) - The rift between Indian film star Rajesh Khanna and his wife Dimple is being sorted out, according to family sources.

The couple were seen together more than once in the last fortnight though the divorce case filed by Dimple in July, has not been withdrawn, the sources told UNI.

They confirmed that the Khannas had gone together to Madras last week for the "muhurat" of a film in which Rajesh Khanna is playing the leading role.

Dimple has sued for divorce on grounds of cruelty.

A land of fanatics

New Delhi (IBS) - Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit moaned that "India had become a land of fanatics." Speaking at a meeting of the Hindustan Andolan she eulogised this statement in Bombay.

Mrs. Pandit said that it was strange that in a land in which Mahatma Gandhi and other great leaders had, before independence, urged factions to set aside the sword and fight for liberty through non-violence, "it has become fun and fashion to kill people." She urged the masses to think for themselves and judge what was wrong and right, "not getting let away by high principles."

"We have been given the choice time and again to pick the right people to lead us. Each time we have picked incompetent men to do so. Never has man become so despicable and degraded as in India today, whinning and begging for the rights he should demand normally."

Kuwait cooperates

New Delhi (IBS) - India and Kuwait have decided to co-operate in the field of oil. This is evident from the joint press release the two nations made during the farewell ceremony of the finale of the two-day visit of Shaikh Jaber A-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sahab.

There are clear indications that Kuwait will collaborate by supplying crude oil to India. This country is keen that Kuwait should give at least two million tonnes of crude annually, partly on credit.

The statement speaks of Kuwaiti investments in India, and schemes that could be useful to both nations. Drugs, paper, pulp, cement and fertilisers are some of these investments.

Meanwhile, India received a filip when Iran agreed to press this country's case for supply of crude oil at concessional rates at the meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) at Vienna.

Awaiting Rajiv's verdict

New Delhi (IBS) - Ever since Sanjay Gandhi made his exit from this world speculation was rife as to whether Mrs. Indira Gandhi would pass his mantle on to either Maneka, Sanjay's widow, or her elder son Rajiv.

Rajiv, despite being the elder Gandhi, was politics shy, preferring to lead the life of a normal citizen flyer, take care of his wife Sonia and two children along with keeping a keen eye on his Italian business interests.

Maneka, on the other hand, had been part of the combustable warhead in Sanjay's life, keeping pace with him through the Emergency, looking after his interests in the 'dark' days which followed Mrs. Gandhi's exit from the podium, through her own magazine "Surya", which decried the activities of politicians in power for the mis-rule by Janata.

Even before the mourners had stopped lamenting the bereavement of Sanjay, political circles began speculating on whether it would be Rajiv or Maneka - after Sanjay. A newsman-politician, who now heads one of India's national dailies and sits in the Rajya Sabha, began feeding the Menaka flame (it was through Sanjay and Meneka that he had found Mrs. Gandhi tolerating him in the first place), calling her "devi" and "Sanjay's successor."

In the eyes of Mrs. Gandhi there is only one Devi in India. Not even her daughter-in-law could hope to usurp her throne. The petty editor was rapped severely, and like a lame dog came whining to heel.

On the other hand the political goons who had hit Member of Parliament fame (Tytler, Kamalnath, Charanjeet...) by staying with Sanjay, began eulogising the need for Rajiv to fill Sanjay's gap.

This found favour with Mrs. Gandhi, who despite being fond of Menaka and her gandson Feroz Varuna, was sentimental about the Nehru-Gandhi family ties. Menaka was not a Gandhi or Nehru - she could never be anything but a daughter-in-law. Rajiv, son and heir to Mrs. Gandhi as the eldest boy in the family was naturally the one she wanted to take Sanjay's place.

It was because of his mother's wishes more than anything that Rajiv consented to give the matter thought. Should he discard his flying uniform and the magic of soaring in Boeings for the 'khadi' worn by politicians and seek election to Parliament.

Rajiv, who is to decide within a week, whether he will pursue his flying career, undergo courses to fly sophisticated Boeing aircraft, or jump on to the Congress (I) bandwagon, has been giving the latter alternative thought.

He is not, however, inclined to seek by-election entry into Parliament. Nor is he interested in being gifted a political portfolio or importance. Wiser and more balanced than many of India's MP's, Rajiv wants to get the people's confidence not their vote due to fear. He feels that starting out at scratch and rise gradually, trying at the same time to bring about some harmony between the youth and elders in the party - both had split, one under Mrs. Gandhi, the other under Sanjay.

Rajiv feels that while it is all very well for youth in Parliament to take the bull by the horns in problems, experience and wisdom of elder council.

He claims that while he is more inclined towards a careful approach to problems, Sanjay was more blunt, direct and dashing.

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Though the latest Federal-Provincial Conference on Canadian Constitution ended in failure, many important issues received attention at the meeting. Perhaps the stands taken by the various governments at the conference needs to be looked at by the people.

One issue on which there has been a very sharp difference of opinion has been the human rights issue. The Federal Government and two or three provincial governments wanted basic human rights to be enshrined in the constitution. The others were opposed.

It is very difficult to understand why many provincial governments were opposed to such a move. This issue is of extreme importance to all minority groups be they French, coloured or Hindu. As pointed out in a letter to the editor in this issue, it is the absence of such a constitutional guarantee that enabled at one time British Columbia to deny Indo-Canadians the right to vote - a basic human right in any democracy.

Such violations of human rights could occur again. This is especially so in a society such as of Canada that is going to age rapidly in the next few decades. As is well known, generally speaking, older people are more likely to be conservative in their opinions and if the backlash against immigrants gathers momentum in the next few decades, it is possible that human right violations will occur.

Those who are concerned about this issue should attempt to raise their voice in favour of human right guarantees in the new constitution.

We hope the Federal Government led by Prime Minister Trudeau will not be conciliatory to some of the provinces that oppose this move.

Letter

Constitution

We are simply amazed at many premiers stand on the basic rights amendment in our Constitution. They say that the British North America Act provides the necessary guarantees and protections in this regard. Well, if it does, then how come till recently Indo-Canadians had no franchise in the B.C.'s provincial elections?

Individuals or the minority groups, etc. shouldn't have to plea and beg for the basic rights like franchise from the people or the politician. Many an opportunist politician would do what brings them votes rather than what is just and right. And the mass's judgement is often so irrational and unpredictable that the popular poll last August 5, in States showed that Regan leading Carter by 47% to 22% margin and after just 10 days the same poll showed them neck to neck! The reversal in public opinion in the Carter-Kennedy race was even more dramatic!!

The embedding of the basic rights legislation in the Constitution is very essential. I urge everyone to write to the Prime Minister and the Premiers to do exactly that.

Bish Bhagwanani
Victoria, B.C.

Complaint cards

New Delhi, Oct 3 (UNI) - Complaints against erring public vehicle drivers in the city can now be lodged through "traffic complaint cards" being distributed free of cost by the Delhi police.

The cards, which have various traffic offences like refusal, overcharging, overcrowding and misbehaviour marked on them, are addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic).

For making a complaint, a commuter has to just tick the relevant offence, give the vehicle number, time and place of occurrence and mail the card after affixing a 15-paise stamp.

"The complaint card can also be handed over personally at the police headquarters", P. S. Bawa, deputy commissioner of police (Traffic), said.

He said 100,000 cards have been printed in Hindi and English. They can be obtained from places like railway stations, airport, hotels, YMCA hostels, traffic police booths and Parliament House.

A weak Cabinet

New Delhi - It is no news any more that the current Cabinet is the weakest and most anaemic the country has ever had to bear, and it is just as obvious that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is painfully aware of this sore fact.

No ministry or minister has functioned constructively, imaginatively or boldly. Taking the line of least resistance, each Union minister has rather let things slide for want of political will and for imaginary fears that Mrs. Gandhi may be displeased at bold initiative.

The ministers most at fault, going by the present-day state of affairs, are those clinging to the portfolios of Home (law and order), Industry, Energy, Commerce and Finance. Fortunately for Agriculture, there has been a good monsoon, while the Foreign Affairs ministry has followed old and almost (except for Afghanistan) non-controversial paths.

That Mrs. Gandhi is honing her scythe is a rumour gradually growing in strength. Something has to be done, she knows, and new blood must be inducted at the head of ailing ministries. Law and order has fallen apart as large parts of the country are burning with violence and thousands of pyres are burning with dead bodies. Industry is struggling to keep its head above water as essential items are under-produced, capacity utilization is sadly below expectations, factories and mills are falling sick, and labour unrest is growing. The energy situation is growing dismally black as the months go on; so much so that even during the good monsoon even the Capital experienced massive power cuts ranging between two hours and six hours a day in each colony, and industrial units and commercial set-ups were forced to suspend productive activity. Our foreign trade is being battered by world competition on the one hand and Central duties and taxes on the other, so much so that even 100 per cent export-oriented industries, such as deep-sea fishing, are heavily taxed on their production. Finally, money supply is growing, feeding inflation, while the Reserve Bank's fiscal policies and credit control are being maintained despite having been proved faulty by experience.

Y.B. Chavan, MP, an opponent of Mrs. Gandhi, is one of the many who are conscious of Mrs. Gandhi's dilemma - conscious of the fact that she is looking around for new blood and expetience to pull her chestnuts out of the fire. He has not only been meeting senior Congress-I leaders of late, but has also suddenly come out in support of Mrs. Gandhi's stand on Afghanistan.

What is being read into his sudden turn-about is that his eyes are set on first being welcomed 'home' by Mrs. Gandhi, and then being asked to put his experience to use by taking on a Cabinet post, perhaps Home or Foreign Affairs. He is, in short, attempting to pull off a Bahuguna, not realising that he could well end up as the latter eventually did - being eclipsed.

All pointers, therefore, indicate - backed up by increasing rumours among political pundits and columnists - that a major Cabinet reshuffle could come shortly. Mrs. Gandhi is certainly unhappy with the wordy Zail Singh, and his head is expected to roll just as soon as she can find a suitable person to discipline the Home Ministry and the country's law and order machinery. But with him will go at least half a dozen other Union ministers.

There is also much speculation, locally, about the fate of Police Commissioner P. S Bhinder who has singularly failed to control the lawless elements in the Capital. Dacoities, kidnappings, rapes, murders and hooliganism in general are daily happenings. Newspapers here are frequently full of gory details of crime that has shot out of control. Police involvement is claimed in a number of unsolved crimes, including rapes and murders. Some claims have been proved.

More cooperation with Russia

From UNI Special Correspondent
K.P.K. Kutty

Moscow (UNI) - The possibility of the Soviet Union and India collaborating in setting up atomic reactors in third-countries is likely to be discussed at high-level talks between the two countries here early in November.

India's Atomic Energy Commission Chairman H N Sethna will arrive here at the end of next month for discussions with the Soviet State Committee for The Utilisation of Atomic Energy.

The talks will be in the context of the programme envisaged in the 1979 Indo-Soviet agreement for further cooperation in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy, Mr. Georghi S Afonin, Head of the Committee's Department of International Relations, told UNI.

Mr. Afonin described as "very positive" the relations between India and the USSR in this field. He said last year's agreement provided "vast scope" for cooperation in important aspects of the subject.

A delegation of Indian scientists had recently visited the Soviet Union for exchanging views on use of radio isotopes in medicine, agriculture and other fields. Another delegation is expected to come before the end of the year to acquaint itself with the work done in this country on use of isotopes.

Mr. Afonin said part of the 250 tonnes of heavy water to be supplied by the USSR to India had already been delivered.

He was asked whether the Soviet Union would offer India enriched uranium for use in the Tarapur power plant if the United States failed to fulfill its commitment to supply nuclear fuel.

Mr. Afonin replied that his country at present supplied nuclear fuel to only those countries where atomic power stations had been constructed with Soviet assistance.

As for the heavy water supply, this was an exception made in India's favour, under the rules of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), use of Soviet heavy water in Tarapur would be subject to IAEA safeguards.

On Pakistan's move to acquire a nuclear reprocessing plant from France, he said all countries, including the Soviet Union, were greatly concerned at it.

The 1979 Indo-Soviet agreement provides for exchange of views on research and desalination of sea water, exchange of reports and scientific papers and other information on fundamental research in nuclear physics, use of isotopes in different fields, and various other aspects.

Asked whether in the present world energy situation, nuclear energy would get primacy in the USSR, Mr. Afonin said all forms of energy were being developed in the country. At present atomic power represented only a small part of the total generation and consumption of power. Development of the atomic industry had to go side by side with developing other branches of the energy industry, he added.

Missing TV pig

New Delhi (IBS) - Thanks to some fine double shuffle, a chunk of a controversial film shot on the Moradabad riots - they had over Eid sparked off communal trouble in the chiefly Muslim sector and the backlash spread to other cities in UP, moved on to Srinagar, Gujarat and Bihar, forcing the army to step in over Independence Day - is missing in a mysterious manner.

The film, which featured in its stellar role a pig - or the pig - that had sparked off Muslim-police fighting at Eidgah on August 14, had been captured on celluloid by the TV crew as it wandered around the township.

TV personnel had got 500 feet of the pig in action, and initially when Doordarshan screened the programme, viewers got an in-depth chance to see the animal in person. Initial outcry over the TV personnel trying to re-create a riot resulted in 360 feet of film being cut off, eliminating the pig totally.

Both the Information and Broadcasting Minister, V.P. Sathe and Mrs. Indira Gandhi had a private showing of the offending film in its censored version. Mrs. Gandhi, who had heard of the pig problem asked in amazement: "But where is the pig?"

The question was lamely evaded by the TV people who did not want to admit a bloomer; that the pig had been later obliterated in editing and the snippets "lost". Pakistan TV, ironically, had almost a duplicate version of Doordarshan's original film, and showed the porker running around and grunting loudly.

In connection with Moradabad, the Government had issued a warning to the press, tempered in the form of a request, that the incidents not be blown up out of proportion. While several national dailies carried photographs of the violence, including pictures of pigs running around the town freely, the Charan Singh's Lok Dal sponsored weekly "Asli Bharat" was hit for trying to incite communal violence last week.

Police parties seized 40,000 copies of the weekly, sealed its press and hauled in the Editor, Ajay Singh, and printer and publisher. Ajay Singh, who was interviewed by sections of the press (most of which later backed out of printing the interview in detail) stated "we were singalled out for blatent discrimination and violation of fundamental rights and freedom of the press.

"Every photograph we had printed had already appeared in other publications. Yet only copies of our paper were seized, our vehicles impounded by the police... This is definitely the work of "chamchas" like Lt. Governor Jagmohan or the Prime Ministers' secretary P C. Dhawan."

The Editor, printer and publisher of "Asli Bharat" are appealing to the High Court in the matter.

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Mrs. Gandhi's reference to Afghanistan brought out a severe attack from the Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew. The Soviet Union and Vietnam were establishing a new doctrine of justifiable intervention outside the framework of the UN Charter; precedents for open armed intervention, he said.

Mr. Yew said both Afghanistan and Kampuchea had communist governments professing non-alignment. "This did not save them from zealous interference by their neighbours, self-righteous regimes, anxious to anticipate the future by force, to establish the true millennium. What idyllic future were they anxious to secure for their neighbours? he asked?

During the closed-door discussion the following day Prime Ministers of Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Malayasia forcefully underscored the threat to world peace being created by the Soviet military power.

The Australian Prime Minister, Malcom Fraser, summed up the majority view that the Soviet Union will not withdraw its troops till it can install a friendly regime in Kabul. And a friendly regime cannot stay in the absence of Soviet troops. As such it was clear the Soviet troops will not withdraw, he said.

Mr. Fraser said there was a new empire and it was the Soviet Empire. The Soviet Union had surpassed the United States in military strength and would remain the world's predominant military power for at least six to seven years.

The Singapore Premier, Mr. Yew, predicted that the communist system would collapse within 20 years. Those who opposed communism should have the courage to say that "it will not win except in a battle field," he added.

The Malayasian Prime Minister, Datuk Hussein Bin Onn, hit out at the Soviet-backed Vietnamese expansionism in South East Asia as was evident from its invasion of Kampuchea.

An overall assessment of the discussions indicated that most of the nations in the region did not share the views of India on Afghan crisis and Vietnam's expansionism.

The Commonwealth secretary general, Mr. Ramphal, however, praised the high quality of discussion which surpassed that of any summit he had attended.

Blending surgey and spiritualism

Carbondale, PA.— "Code Blue! Code Blue!" a loud-speaker blares through the hospital corridors as physicians and nurses hurry to their emergency stations.

A red-and-blue light comes across doors and windows as an ambulance speeds toward the hospital. Paramedics rush to receive the patient, a middle-aged man whose heart has stopped.

Samika Rsi, M.D., stands ready with a wide range of modern medical equipment. Attendants wheel the patient into an examination room. Doors close, and minutes tick by. Finally, Dr. Samika Rsi emerges from the room and removes his white coat. Outside, evening has settled in quietly.

"Good night, doctor," a nurse says on her way out. Hospital personnel are preparing to go home.

Samika Rsi says that he gets life-or-death cases like this four or five times a week. "Sometimes more. I treat thirty to forty emergency cases each day - stab wounds, rapes, car accidents, and heart attacks."

The second eldest of six brothers and three sisters, he was born in Nagziri, India, a town of eight thousand, where as a young man he assisted his father, a Krishna devottee trained in ancient Vedic medicine. They would travel from village to village, prescribing cures and accepting as payment grain or cloth, according to each patient's means. At age twenty-two he graduated at the head of his class from Gandhi Medical College and came to the West.

In 1972 he and his wife met American Hare Krishna devotees on the streets of Philadelphia, followed them back to the temple, and a year later received initiation from the founder of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

He lives with his family in a two-story home on the outskirts of town. Ornamenting the front door is a tiny portrait of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, who augurated street chanting of Hare Krishna in India five hundred years ago. Inside, the house is decorated with paintings of Lord Krishna and His devotees. In the evenings they offer vegetarian foods to their home Deity of Krishna, chant the Hare Krishna **mantra**, and read from the **Bhagavad-gita**, which is the world's oldest scripture and sacred to 600 million Hindus.

In addition to his responsibilities at the emergency ward, Samika Rsi also serves as a staff physician in a maximum-security mental hospital for the criminally insane.

"Being a doctor is second best," he explains. "Being a devottee is better. Devotees offer transcendental solutions, whereas doctors can only make temporary repairs, patching things up here and there until something else in the body breaks down and the patient eventually dies."

For one week at a time he works on twenty-four-hour call, resting whenever time permits. He can always be reached, however, by a hot-line telephone or by loud-speaker.

"Out of the 12,000 emergency cases I treat each year," the doctor continues, "half could be avoided by people exercising simple self-control. The vast majority of emergencies are due to aggravated misuse of the body-primarily people pushing their bodies to enjoy the pleasures of drugs, alcohol, and improper foods.

"People are accustomed to godlessness and unrestrained sense indulgence. From the media and in school they learn that meat-eating, casual sex, and intoxication are acceptable activities. Not many people today admire austerity, so they make fun of the devotees, who follow strict regulative principles. But the fact is, without Krishna or God consciousness where can people find the inspiration for a nobler, spiritual existence?"

Samika Rsi is particularly concerned about young people, and his own son is a student at a Krishna conscious elementary school in the Northeast. He recently went to Jaipur, India, and personally brought back Deities of Lord Krishna for the school's temple. He dedicates about half of his salary to spreading Krishna consciousness by donating money for the construction of temples and schools and for publishing books.

"Actually, every one of us in this material world is a spiritual casualty," says Samika Rsi. "The quickest and most effective medicine to counteract the disease of material life is to adopt the scientific process of Krishna consciousness.

"You don't have to quit your job or shave your head. Just add God to your life," the doctor concluded.

Samika Rsi and family perform the ancient worship service called ARATI each morning and evening in their home: Here he offers a fragrant camphor lamp to Deities of Lord Krishna.

At the Inaugural Session of the Regional Commonwealth leaders meeting.

Running for city council

By Al Eugene

A Malton resident will attempt to become the first elected official of East Indian origin to sit in council in Mississauga when the city holds its municipal elections this fall.

A lack of leadership and the need for an effective voice in council for Maltonians have prompted Jhalman Singh Gosal to run for the seat of Councillor, Ward 5.

Gosal announced his candidacy last Sunday afternoon at a press conference held at his home, on Kittridge Drive. He will attempt to unseat Frank McKechnie, the present Councillor for the ward.

"It is not any person I oppose. It is a lack of leadership at present, and policies which are detrimental to the people of Malton that I oppose. I feel I have the ability and capacity to provide this much needed leadership with vigor and zeal. I am confident that I can do it," Gosal said.

Gosal is a professional electrical technologist and has resided in Malton for the past seven years with his wife Kuldip, his son Satwinder, 19, and his daughter, Nina, 18. Gosal is involved in community work and is an active participant in a number of organizations. He said he is aware of many inconveniences from which the people of Malton are suffering.

"Malton is a unique community with problems which are different from any other communities surrounding it," Gosal said, citing high noise levels from the railway tracks in the north, the airport in the south, highway 427 in the east and Airport Road in the west.

Gosal said "it was high time to take steps to find solutions and to correct some of the wrongs which have affected this community."

Traffic congestions are not the only problems with which Maltonians have to contend. According to Gosal, there is inadequate public transportation for senior citizens and youths; ill-planning for housing and road development; and the need for effective communication between city council and Maltonians.

Gosal said Malton needs a multi-purpose service centre, probation officers, police and ambulance services, and improved Manpower and Unemployment offices. He said there is also the need for additional education and recreational facilities for the growing population of Malton.

According to Gosal the population of Mississauga has doubled in less than a decade because of the railway line and the growth of industry in the area at an alarming rate.

"Malton is allowed to expand without planning and without leadership from the local government. Regional bureaucracy has created tax burdens for the residents while political power is not proportional to the population," Gosal said.

Under the present regional arrangement in the Halton-Peel region, Mississauga, with a population of 283,429 has only ten votes in council while Brampton has six votes and Caledon five. Brampton and Caledon have populations of 129,188 and 25,209 respectively.

Gosal says the budget for the city of Mississauga is purely a political decision not made up proportionately so as to meet community needs as far as population goes.

"As a result Malton suffers," Gosal said.

Brinder Singh, Gosal's campaign manager is optimistic about Gosal's chances of winning the ward on November 10.

"We have the support of the majority of the people in the Ward. Malton is a racially-mixed community so our chances are very good. All we need is for the people to go out and vote," Singh said.

(Contrast).

TWO AIRLINES MOVE TO DELHI FROM CALCUTTA

New Delhi (IBS) - Thai Airlines International and Scandavian Airlines (SAS), propose to operate additional flights from Delhi Airport, due to their moving headquarters from Calcutta to the Capital.

Judges quarrel

New Delhi (IBS) - The August Supreme Court of India witnessed a brief, cold drama other than the legal ones which crop up from time to time - two judges trading hostile remarks.

Justice DA Desai and Justice ES Venkataramiah were presiding over a petition in a landlord-tenant dispute, and were debating whether the petition should at all be admitted. Court was in session and the room was respectably filled, mostly by concerned members and supporters of the contesting parties.

The trouble between the judges flared up when Justice Venkat wanted to put more questions to the counsel arguing for admission of the plea, and when Justice Desai became "overbearing" in trying to tell Justice Venkat how to conduct the proceedings.

The latter turned coldly on the former and remarked that he (Justice Venkat) may be a slow and dull judge, but could not be told how the proceedings should be conducted. He added, for sting, that the court was not for landlord-tenant disputes, but for dispensing justice and law. Adding further that he had a conscience and self-respect, he arose from his seat and withdrew to his chamber, leaving the business midway through.

Justice Desai was forced to follow suit, thus adjourning the proceedings.

But after lunch the court reconvened and the petition was admitted by the same two judges.

The after-lunch session saw the courtroom packed like a tin of sardines by other judges, lawyers and curious people who had heard of the cold war. But the judges had apparently patched up during the luncheon break, for they were seen in cordial conversation with each other in the second session. The storm had blown over.

DISEASE - BEARING FISH

Pondicherry (UNI) - Preliminary studies in the centre of advanced studies in marine biology here have established the occurrence of pathogens which cause diseases like gastro-enteritis and tuberculosis in freshly caught prawns and other seafood from coastal waters.

The Director of the Centre, Dr. R. Natarajan, told UNI the studies also suggested that oysters were also potential reservoirs of these pathogens.

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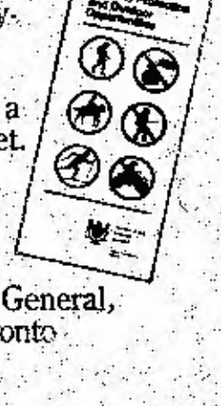

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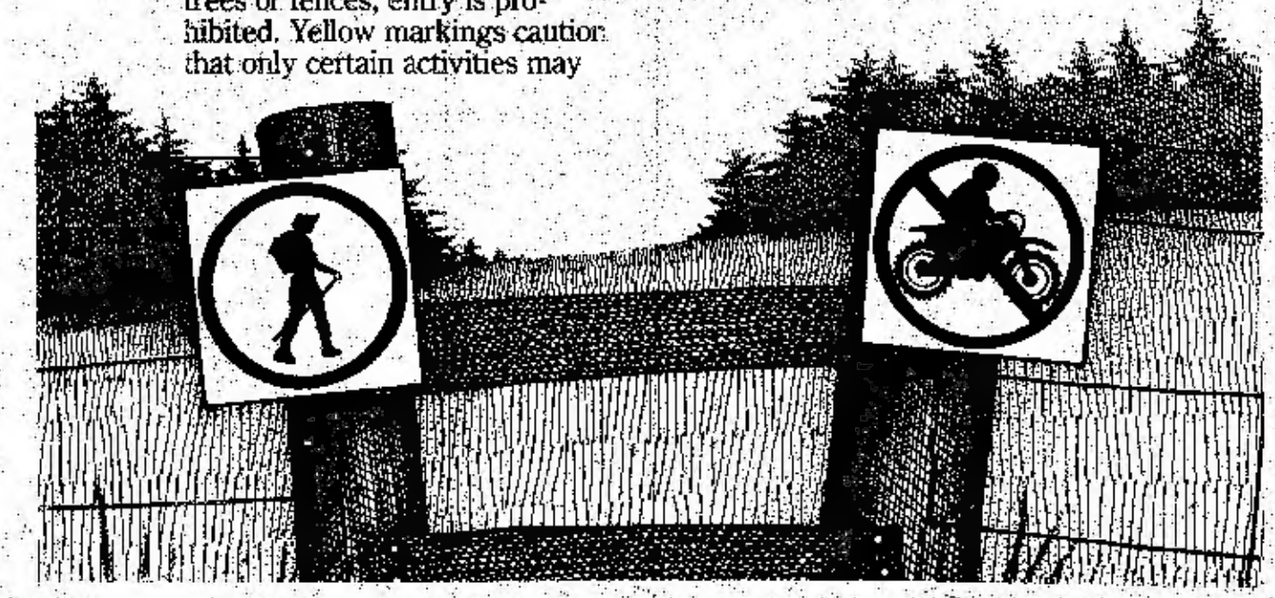

FILMS

HUM NAHIN SUDHRENGE

Produced and directed by Asrani

Asrani aspires to reach the heights of Charlie Chaplin, both as an actor and director. As an actor, he is volatile and broad, very broad. Asrani's style of comedy is much different from that of Mahmood. Asrani depends on facial contortions, wild gestures and nonstop prattle for his comic effect. When both featured in one film, as comedians, it was Mahmood who dominated the scene. Asrani seemed overawed by the mere presence of Mahmood. Asrani can raise a laugh or two on his own, but in pictures his has always been a subsidiary role. So when he was not getting important roles, he decided to direct films with himself in the feature roles. Going by his three films he has directed so far, he has yet to reach the heights of Charlie Chaplin - one doubts if he ever will. Complete with a toothbrush, Asrani tried to play a Hitlerian type of character in **Sholay**.

Chala Murari Hero Bann-ne, Asrani's first directorial venture, had a theme relevant to cinema. A starcrazy youngster quits home, makes a bee-line for the dream city, he makes it to the top of the starry-rung, but at the cost of peace and quietude, which lead to frustration and dissatisfaction, in profession and love. Though the film touched only the superficial aspects of a screen star's career, yet Asrani succeeded in delineating the sufferings and frustrations of success. Asrani himself was the star of the film, but it was Bindiya Goswami who stole the show. To make the film a success, and give it a pre-release boost, Asrani faked an off-screen romance between himself and his screen heroine. The "affair" did not set either the Juhu or Jumna on fire - Asrani was not the heart-throb of the millions, nor was Bindiya Goswami.

The second Asrani-directed film, **Saalam Memsahib**, is yet to be released in the Capital. Reportedly it is not as good as **Chala Murari Hero Bann-ne.**

Hum Nahin Sudhrenge is Asrani's third attempt at direction. In three look-alikes, it is Asrani who dominates the film - as a private eye, an office peon, and a dangerous crook. In the three roles he has the company of Yogita Bali, Reeta Bhaduri and Manju Bansal (Asrani's wife in real life). Aruna Irani is also there to pair with Keshto Mukherjee who in his pet screen image is a boozer par excellence. There are at least twenty other characters in the film but except Asrani nobody else matters. It is Asrani and Asrani alone who has the spotlight fixed on him in three different garbs. Oh, yes, there is "Wonder Dog Tiger" who is called James Bond in the film and is shown running about from place to place, or sticking his tongue out while cosily sitting in an old Austin.

The conflict in the film is that the police is after Asrani - the crook but it is his look-alike the private eye who is the suspect. The police is at its wit's end when a third look-alike, an office peon, appears at the police station and asks for protection. Mixed identities create a confusion, resulting in some hilarious moments. And that is the only funny part of the film. In the opening sequence, showing an office where corruption is rampant, right from the peon to the head, the film seems promising, only to peter out in a slap-stick, chase affair, and chaotic mix-ups.

One fails to understand Asrani's approach - is it a take-off on crime thrillers or comic mix-ups? May be it is both - but there are no Chaplinesque traces anywhere in

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HUM NAHIN SUDHRENGE

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Asrani aspires to reach the heights of Charlie Chaplin, both as an actor and director. As an actor, he is volatile and broad, very broad. Asrani's style of comedy is much different from that of Mahmood. Asrani depends on facial contortions, wild gestures and nonstop prattle for his comic effect. When both featured in one film, as comedians, it was Mahmood who dominated the scene. Asrani seemed overawed by the mere presence of Mahmood. Asrani can raise a laugh or two on his own, but in pictures his has always been a subsidiary role. So when he was not getting important roles, he decided to direct films with himself in the feature roles. Going by his three films he has directed so far, he has yet to reach the heights of Charlie Chaplin - one doubts if he ever will. Complete with a toothbrush, Asrani tried to play a Hitlerian type of character in **Sholay**.

Chala Murari Hero Bann-ne, Asrani's first directorial venture, had a theme relevant to cinema. A starcrazy youngster quits home, makes a bee-line for the dream city, he makes it to the top of the starry-rung, but at the cost of peace and quietude, which lead to frustration and dissatisfaction, in profession and love. Though the film touched only the superficial aspects of a screen star's career, yet Asrani succeeded in delineating the sufferings and frustrations of success. Asrani himself was the star of the film, but it was Bindiya Goswami who stole the show. To make the film a success, and give it a pre-release boost, Asrani faked an off-screen romance between himself and his screen heroine. The "affair" did not set either the Juhu or Jumna on fire - Asrani was not the heart-throb of the millions, nor was Bindiya Goswami.

The second Asrani-directed film, **Saalam Memsahib**, is yet to be released in the Capital. Reportedly it is not as good as **Chala Murari Hero Bann-ne**.

Hum Nahin Sudharenge is Asrani's third attempt at direction. In three look-alikes, it is Asrani who dominates the film - as a private eye, an office peon, and a dangerous crook. In the three roles he has the company of Yogita Bali, Reeta Bhaduri and Manju Bansal (Asrani's wife in real life). Aruna Irani is also there to pair with Keshto Mukherjee who in his pet screen image is a boozer par excellence. There are at least twenty other characters in the film but except Asrani nobody else matters. It is Asrani and Asrani alone who has the spotlight fixed on him in three different garbs. Oh, yes, there is "Wonder Dog Tiger" who is called James Bond in the film and is shown running about from place to place, or sticking his tongue out while coolly sitting in an old Austin.

The conflict in the film is that the police is after Asrani - the crook but it is his look-alike the private eye who is the suspect. The police is at its wit's end when a third look-alike, an office peon, appears at the police station and asks for protection. Mixed identities create a confusion, resulting in some hilarious moments. And that is the only funny part of the film. In the opening sequence, showing an office where corruption is rampant, right from the peon to the head, the film seems promising, only to peter out in a slap-stick, chase affair, and chaotic mix-ups.

One fails to understand Asrani's approach - is it a take-off on crime thrillers or comic mix-ups? May be it is both - but there are no Chaplinesque traces anywhere in the film. K B Pathak has done a good job in writing the screenplay but to an ordinary cine-goer it will look confused. As for direction, in many sequences it is nothing more than filmed theatre. Editing is also floppy. Photography is in the same grade as the direction and editing.

By the way, does the title **Hum Nahin Sudhrenge apply to the commercial film-makers?**

EK DIN PRATI DIN

(Bengali)

Written, produced and directed by Mrinal Sen

For a change, Mrinal Sen, the most committed film-maker in India, has given up pamphleteering and slogan-mongering. For a change, he does not resort to cine-gimmickry to create novelty or hammer home his viewpoint. For a change, he charms and amuses us in a snippet of a tale - a working girl, the only breadwinner of a middleclass family, does not return home till the early hours of the morning. The anxiety and concern it causes to her parents and relatives, the commotion it creates in their personal equations and the scandal it generates among the curious neighbours and acquaintances - these are the dramatic conflicts in **Ek Din Prati Din**. Bourgeois equanimity hides turmoil and discord. For some the film may lack depth but with sensitive treatment and sensible screenplay, it rips open a psychological fact of life: relationships are good so long as interests do not clash and tear them apart, that bourgeois morality is sham, that throwing mud at others is easier than understanding their plight. The very spinning of a sedate and sober screenplay out of a few hours' tension in a middleclass family is a creative work of high dimension. Keeping the film confined almost to the house and its environ is the handiwork of no mean film craftsman. It is a straight and simple narrative of an enigmatic happening. For Mrinal Sen of course it is a radical departure from Mrinal-esque gimmickry. The characters are so lifelike that one feels one is like them, almost all exert a remarkable hold on our imagination and exercise a vague affinity.

The film is original in its conception, straightforward in its treatment, and realistic in its sentiments. All this points to the creativity of Mrinal Sen.

Ek Din Prati Din won the best Bengali film award in the 27th National Film Awards, citation for which read as "going beyond a feminist statement by exploring, somewhat clinically, the conflicts and contradictions of a middle-class which, suffering from an acute sense of insecurity, is in a slow but inevitable process of disintegration, for depicting a life style in decay, only to be revitalised with renewed vigour and compassion and give way to new values growing out of debris." Evidently the film is not as complex as the citation. It was also India's entry in the competition section of this year's Cannes film festival. Cannes, where all kinds of influences work beneath the cinematic surface, was a wrong choice for entering **Ek Din Prati Din**. Had it been sent to Berlin or Karlovy Vary it would surely have won international acclaim.

K K Mahajan's camerawork has the fluidity expected of an experienced cinematographer, and B V Karanth's music does not intrude upon the visuals, rather blends beautifully with them. Sharply edged characters, especially those of Gita Sen (Mrinal Sen's wife). Koushik Sen and Srila Majumdar, are the life and soul of the film.

One of the great virtues of **Ek Din Prati Din** is its lack of pretension.

[Democratic World]

Malayalam star weds

Madras, (UNI) - Seema, seductive star who caused a sensation in the South Indian film world with her performance in the Malayalam hit "AVALUDE RAVUKAL" (Her Nights), wedded Director I.V. Sasi who had set her on the stellar path.

The simple ceremony, held in a Hindu temple at Mangadu, near here, was attended by leading personalities of Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films.

Seema, who started her film career as a dancer, portrayed a prostitute in the lead role of "Her Nights" which earned name both for her and for Sasi, who directed the film.

Seema has acted in more than 70 films so far, including some in Tamil and Telugu. Sasi, one of the most successful Malayalam film makers, has also directed a few films in Tamil and one in Hindi.

ASIAN GAMES OFFICIAL QUITS

New Delhi (IBS) - The secretary-general of the Organising Committee of the 1982 Asian Games, Ashwini Kumar, has resigned along with some members of the Committee's executive board. It is learnt that Olympic Association president Raja Bhalindra Singh wants to reconstitute the board.

YARI DUSHMANI

Directed by Sikander Khanna

Produced by Som Dutt

Sikander Khanna, a brilliant director and technician, who at one time was Manoj Kumar's chief assistant director, died during the making of this film. His first directorial venture, **Prabhat**, was a brilliant expose of the pimps and underworld in the cities. If **Prabhat** ran into controversy, it was not because of him; but because the characters were named Sita and Rama, after the mythological Hindu deities. Sikander Khanna had extracted brilliant performances from Zahida, niece of Nargis, and Roopesh Kumar - the not so bad baddie of Hindi cinema.

Yari Dushmani's producer, Som Dutt, younger brother of Sunil Dutt, started out as an actor in **Man Ka Meet** which also introduced Vinod Khanna in the male lead. While Vinod Khanna strode ahead, Som Dutt, in spite of his physique, was left behind. Sunil Dutt did his best to make a leading man of Som Dutt, but failed. So Som Dutt turned producer. **Yari Dushmani** is presented by Ajaanta Arts, owned by Sunil and Nargis Dutt.

Sunil Dutt himself leads the cast in **Yari Dushmani**, with Amjad Khan, Reena Roy, Roopesh Kumar, Bharat Bhushan, Jankidas, Nandita Thakur Diljeet Kaur and a host of bit players. The film, as its title implies, is about friendship and enmity.

Two friends, Sunil Dutt and Amjad Khan, live on the footpath. They meet another **footpathia**, Reena Roy, adept at blackmailing the rich and the elite. But not for herself, for another ruthless man. Sunil, Amjad and Reena combine their resources and waylay a marriage party. The loot: jewellery worth Rs 10 lac. The loot becomes the bone of contention between the two friends. Amjad double-crosses Sunil who is sent to jail, with the suspicion that his **footpathia** friend is responsible for it. Knowing the true facts, Reena Roy cannot stomach Amjad rolling in wealth and living in style while Sunil rots in jail. She informs Sunil of Amjad's betrayal. Sunil swears to revenge. From this point it becomes an action film - intrigues, torture and cut-throat rivalry to possess another cache of diamonds worth ten crores. The secret of the cache is known to a dumb child. An interesting twist borrowed from a Hollywood western.

It is perhaps the sixth or seventh time that Sunil Dutt plays the dacoit, with abandon and panache, first time it was in **Mother India**. Come what may, the dacoit image has got stuck to him. Other tough guys are: Shaka, Shakti Kapoor, Dev Kumar, Rajendra Nath, Shiv Kumar. The film's opening song talks of friendship and eternal camaraderie, like in **Sholay, Qurbani and Neeyat**. It also talks of corruption and anti-social deeds of society people. The irony is that both the friends take to anti-social acts and violent deeds.

NEEYAT

Directed by Anil Ganguly

Produced by Pradeep Sharma and Manoj KayTee

Anil Ganguly has always selected socially relevant themes with emotional appeal, and with the problem of women as fulcrum. They are always a pleasant combination of the commercial and the art films. His films are not demanding. His middle class audience know that Anil Ganguly is not superficial, because his perspective is not shallow and his understanding not unrealistic. Anil Ganguly may not be as prolific as Basu Chatterji or Basu Bhattacharya, but he is no less refreshing and sophisticated as either of the Basus.

Neeyat is however a different type of Anil Ganguly. It is two films in one - the first half is a romantic introduction and involvement of three bosom friends with the same girl; the second half is a crime package, exposure of a wheeler-dealer businessman who actually is an ancient-idol-smuggler and a suave but ruthless villain who would go to any extent to achieve his objective. The story is by K A Narayan who has a reputation for complicated and complex plots. Ranjan Bose's screenplay has a light touch in the first half, and a drab, draconian one in the second. We are not a little surprised that even Anil Ganguly had to fall with the trend- action and crime thriller.

The first half had immense possibilities: three friends falling in love with the same girl, though in different circumstances; funny and emotional conundrums among the four resulting in so much emotion, musicality and social conflict. Except for two scenes, handled with some deft direction, the film-makers plump for the package entertainment.

Kalyanji Anandji's sounds are richer, but not necessarily sweeter. At least in this film they don't try to bury words in the electronic noise, as they did in **Aurbani**. Shashi Kapoor, Jeetendra and Raakesh Roshan are the three friends who meet Rekha on different occasions and each one take a fancy to her. Ranjeet and Bindu are cast in the set images - the villain and the vamp. Pinchoo Kapoor is the businessman-turned-idol smuggler and Dr. Shreeram Lagoo the conscientious journalist who is done to death when he refuses to yield to blandishments to stop publication of scandalous idol-smuggling activities. Gita Siddhartha, the stage actress who played the Muslim girl in **Garm Hawa** and later in **Gaman** and won plaudits, plays a middle-aged housewife in **Neeyat**, with a certain finesse. Lest we forget the comic side, Deven Verma is there to evoke a few laughs. And A K Hangal, an artist's artist, is as natural as he can be - a docile, undemanding and retiring type of middleclass father.

[Democratic World]

Ranji Trophy

New Delhi (IBS) - Mohinder Amarnath, former Indian Test all-rounder, will lead Delhi in the North Zone Ranji Trophy matches starting early Oct. Vinay Lamba, sidelined by the local cricket big-wigs, has not only been recalled but has also been made Mohinder's deputy.

These appointments indicate that former Test captain and steady wicket-taker, left-arm spinner Bishen Singh Bedi, is not going to be recalled. Yet North Zone has chosen him for the Deodhar Trophy matches, the selectors, of course, being of two different bodies of men. Kapil Dev will skipper North Zone.

Bedi has for some time now been working to reform an discipline local cricket, and has incurred the displeasure of the local powers who have, for more than 20 years, clung on to the Delhi and District Cricket Association.

Test player Anshuman Gaekwad of Baroda has been named to lead West Zone against East Zone in the Deodhar match to be played in Madras from Sept. 10.

Maharashtra wins

Trivandrum, Oct. 3 (UNI) Maharashtra dominated the seventh national age group aquatic championships which concluded here yesterday by winning the titles in groups one, two and three in the girls' division.

Kerala became the champions in group one and two boys' divisions. Kerala also made an impressive show in the girls section coming second to Maharashtra in groups one, two and three.

West Bengal, who emerged winners in group four girls' division, also bagged the title for group three boys and shared the title for group four boys' with Maharashtra.

In the overall championships Maharashtra with 36 gold medals 33 silver and 21 bronze medals came first. West Bengal won 22 gold, 16 silver and 21 bronze medals while Kerala came third winning 11 gold, 19 silver and 17 bronze medals.

Playing games

New Delhi (IBS) - The Asiad Games Organising Committee headed by Delhi's former Chief Executive Councillor V K Malhotra has been de-recognised and thrown out of office by the Indian Olympic Association. In its place, the IOA has set up a 31-man special committee under Civil Supplies Minister V.C. Shukla to conduct the Games slated for 1982.

Only in March 1979 did the IOA unanimously elect the Malhotra committee, hence the latest decision is a somersault without parallel in the history of Indian sport.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

New Delhi (IBS) - West Bengal won the fifth All-India Women's Footbal Championship, edging past Goa 1-0 at Lucknow. Centre-forward Shufta Dutta scored the only goal of the match in the very second minute of the game.

In the 'hardline' march earlier, for third and fourth spots, Bihar routed Manipur 4-0.

Scientists abroad willing to help

New Delhi, Oct. 3 (UNI) - Nearly 250 scientists of Indian origin settled abroad have offered to lend their services for short terms to help in the country's development.

The offer of the scientists is being examined at the manpower division of the council of industrial and scientific research, New Delhi.

According to official sources, most of these scientists are now in the United States, Canada and West Germany.

The Indian missions in a number of countries were, some time ago, asked to send particulars of outstanding engineers and technologists who could spend some time in Indian industries and suggest improvements.

The step was in pursuance of a project on the transfer of know-how through expatriate specialists of Indian origin, being funded by the United Nations Development Programme.

The programme, according to an official source, is oriented to tackling technical problems faced in various public and private industrial establishments.

A similar project aided by UNDP in Turkey was utilised by authorities in Istanbul to finance trips by expatriate scholars to lecture at Turkish universities.

The Council is examining communications from various industrial organisations which have problems that need handling through a high degree of technical expertise, the source said. "It is somewhat like match-making".

The source said the visits by scientists were expected to begin towards the end of this year, when many of them can get leave from their present work.

The scientists, who would come individually, are basically expected to provide "specific technical inputs towards the development of the country in priority areas."

The expenses towards the scientist's travel and their daily subsistance allowance at U.N. rates during the stay here would be borne by UNDP. It has initially allotted 100,000 dollars to India from the allocation for this year.

Energy device developed

By Thomas Pannikal

Montreal: Indian researcher, Vikram Bhatt may soon be able to store energy in the bag: the garbage bag.

McGill University researcher says that his do-it-yourself device is quite simple.

For less than $2 the researcher's use a garbage bag and a rubber pipe to build solar water heater. The new device, they point out, is ideal for campers. It can heat about 100 litres of water to 30 degrees Celsius.

According to Vaikalathur Natarajan, a McGill University student who also developed the project, the new device is cost efficient and uses readily-available materials.

Bags are filled with water. They are placed on a styrofoam board fitted with a conducting tube for drainage. The bags will absorb solar energy and raise water temperature 20-25 degrees.

Bhatt received his diploma in architecture from the Center for Environment Planning and Technology, Ahmedabad. He has worked as an architect in Ahmedabad.

In 1975, he received his M.A. degree in architecture at McGill University.

He has worked as a research associate at McGill. The researcher has also served as a consultant to International Development Research Center in Ottawa.

Besides Vikram Bhatt, Indian researchers also work in various fields in other universities in Montreal.

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Recommendations on immigrant women

Toronto... At the initiative of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism a Task Force was set up in 1977 to carry out an investigation and make recommendations to the Government of Ontario on how to improve services and conditions affecting immigrant women.

Since a number of problems relating to immigrant women were under federal jurisdiction, a series of recommendations are made to the federal government.

These include a review of the policy of language training courses now reserved for the breadwinner, an extension of the three year limit for funding under the Immigrant Settlement and Adaptation Program, and amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act depriving women of benefits while attending language classes. The bulk of the recommendations are made to the Ontario government.

The report is based on the experiences of the three councils, results of questionnaires sent to relevant community agencies, interviews with individuals, public meetings with representatives of ethnic organizations as well as information contained in 15 special reports issued between 1975 and 1979.

The recommendations are geared to the existing framework of organizations servicing immigrant women. They recognize the efforts of many Government bodies at correcting the current problems and have been prepared with a view to minimize additional expenditures.

For example, in the area of day care, it urges the involvement of unions, the private and corporate sector in providing such facilities at the place of work.

The recommendations stress the vital role of ethnic immigrant agencies and the crying need for more multilingual services and information and advertisement with private and corporate sponsorship.

They urge that all the labor-related legislature be expanded to include live-in domestics and homeworkers who are most exposed to exploitation.

In areas affecting the elderly immigrant women the government is urged to pass an Act regulating home support services for seniors, assistance for Homes for the Aged for specific ethnic communities with special staff training in servicing nursing homes with ethnic patients.

Further recommendations deal in the areas of counselling, education and communications, particularly the need for information in the non-official languages of the major minorities of the province.

Project ploughshares

The United Nations has proclaimed Disarmament Week - October 24 to 30 - "a time for people all over the world to study and speak for disarmament".

Regional events, fostered by Project Ploughshares, are being planned across Canada. It is hoped that all religious communities will observe this week in some suitable way.

Disarmament Week in Ottawa - Plans to date:

October 23-25 - a conference sponsored by the United Nations Association (UNA) and the Canadian Council on International Law, in the Chateau Laurier - for information call the UNA at 232-5751.

October 25 - an evening of music and drama, tentatively entitled "Farewell to Arms: Ban the Bomb Revival" - in the Odeon Theatre of Ottawa University.

October 26 - a city-wide ecumenical service in the evening - (probably in Emmanuel United Church).

October 27-30 - three evenings of film showings, speakers, and displays - the Jack Purcell Community Centre, 320 Elgin St.

Your participation in this special week is anticipated and most welcome.

Teresa's prayer

New Delhi (UNI) - In a gesture of admiration for the great humanitarian and friend of the poor, Mother Teresa, an Indian Gramaphone Company has brought out a record of the moving prayer sung every morning by her and by the Sisters of Mercy at some 140 poor homes and asylums founded by her.

The record was formally released by Prime Minister Gandhi at a function recently.

Sung and produced by South Indian playback singer, Hariram, the prayer has the following text:

"O Lord! make me a channel of thy peace;
Where there is hatred, I may bring love;
Where there is error, I may bring truth;
Where there is discord, I may bring harmony;
Where there is despair, I may bring hope;
Where there is doubt, I may bring faith;
Where there is shadow, I may bring light;
Where there is sadness, I may bring joy."

ARAB MONEY BEHIND KASHMIR TROUBLES: SHEIKH

New Delhi, Oct. 3 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister, Sheikh Abdullah has alleged that certain elements which were fomenting trouble in the state in the name of religion were getting money from some oil-rich Middle East countries.

He, however, would not identify them. It was a known fact that some countries had been pouring money into India for religious purposes, the Sheikh said. But this money was being misused by certain anti-national elements to create trouble.

NEWS IN BRIEF

OVER HUNDRED FOREIGN COLLABORATION PROPOSALS APPROVED

New Delhi (UNI) - The Indian Government approved 103 foreign collaboration proposals during the first three months of the current financial year.

Sixty-two of the collaborations are with three countries - the United States 24, the Federal Republic of Germany 20 and Britain 18.

RENUAL OF PERSIAN STUDIES IN KASHMIR

New Delhi, Oct. 3 (UNI) - Persian language, which had been patronised, from medieval times, by Indian rulers, both Muslim and Hindu, is having a revival in the northern state of Jammu and Kashmir. Lovers of Persian have formed a society named Anjuman-e-Pharsi in Jammu town, at a recent meeting.

IRAQ GRANTS INDIA 104 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN TO PAY FOR OIL SUPPLIES

Baghdad (UNI) - The Iraqi fund for Foreign Development granted the Indian Government a 20-year, interest free loan of 104 million dollars, the official Iraqi news agency reported.

SMALL UNITS ACCOUNT FOR 18 PER CENT OF INDIA'S EXPORTS

New Delhi (UNI) - Small industrial Units in India exported goods valued at Rs 11,000 million in 1979-80 representing about 18 per cent of the total exports.

In non-traditional items such as engineering industries, its share was close to 40 per cent.

INDIAN CHOSEN AS FILM JURY MEMBER

New Delhi, Oct. 3 (UNI) - Delhi film journalist, Davendra Kumar has been invited to act as a member of the international jury at the international children's film festival to be held in Milan later this month.

Mr. Kumar is the President of the Indian Section of the International Commission for Diffusion of Arts and literature through cinema (CIDALC).

20,000 TONNES OF LPG TO BE IMPORTED

New Delhi (UNI) - India has decided to import 20,000 tonnes of LPG (Liquified Petroleum Gas).

This is in addition to 6,000 tonnes imported recently from Kuwait.

PRICE INDEX CLIMBS

New Delhi (IBS) - The official wholesale price index (monthly) for all commodities rose by 11.5 points for the first time, and stood at 256.1 for July, against 244.6 in the month before.

The spiral is blamed on the steep rise in the prices of sugar, pulses, fruit and vegetables, oilseeds, tobacco products, manufactured items, fertilizers and some chemicals and drugs. The index is this higher by more than 20 per cent compared to last year.

KEROSENE TO BE COLOURED TO CHECK DIESEL ADULTERATION

Bangalore, (Karnataka), (UNI) - The Public sector Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has been asked to find a chemical agent to colour kerosene oil in a bid to check its adulteration with diesel, Indian Petroleum Minister Veerendra Patil has said.

CONSPIRACY TO DISTURB PEACE IN KASHMIR FOILED: SHEIKH

Jammu (UNI) - Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Sheikh Abdullah has said that the people's vigilance has foiled the recent international conspiracy to disturb peace and harmony in the state.

UNI LAUNCHES ENERGY SERVICE

New Delhi, Oct. 3 (UNI) - United News of India today launched a new venture, the "Energy News Service", providing information on world-wide developments in the field of energy.

FOUR DEAD IN ASSAM COAL-TOWN VIOLENCE

New Delhi (IBS) - The army was called out to stage a flag march in Margherita, an upper Assam coal-town, after incidents of violence had erupted resulting in the deaths of four persons (including three children) and injuries to 50 others.

INDIA TO COUNT ITS HOMELESS IN MARCH NEXT YEAR

New Delhi, Oct. 3 (UNI) - The country will take a "snap shot" stock of its homeless people at the sunrise of March one next year.

This is to ensure that the nomads, the pavement-dwellers and those living along the streets, under the bridges and on platforms and similar other places are not left out of the 1981 census.

Detailing the elaborate plan, P. Padmanabha, registrar-general and census commissioner, told UNI that these persons do not have homes and their names do not appear in the frame prepared during the house-listing operations.

A young lonely bu

By Frank Jones in SUNDAY STAR

Peterborough - Every instinct must have told her to cry out for help to the other passengers as the bus came to a standstill on this lonely stretch of highway.

"Any particular house or intersection?" bus driver Richard Giberson asked the woman's husband.

"No, this will do. I know a farmer near here," he said as the bus drew up on the uninhabited section of Highway 115.

So, cut off by her broken English, unsure in a strange land, the young woman followed this suave stranger she'd married to the front of the bus and climbed down.

It was chilly and snowing that December day, and a passenger up front, Mrs. Sybil Burnett, remembered thinking that the girl, wearing a fake fur coat with nothing on her head and no gloves, would be cold.

Oh no, said Mrs. Burnett, she had no problem remembering the couple whom she thought were Greek or East Indian because the man was carrying a case. It was the unmistakable shape of a gun.

They got out here, just north of the junction with Highway 35, the bus disappeared over the hill, and they were alone with only the sound of the wind in the Scotch pines.

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Following her husband now through the pines into a clearing, her mind was filled with the unhappiness her marriage had brought her, the aloofness of this foreign-seeming man who had even discarded his Indian name and called himself Steve Ryc, and who would have nothing to do with her sexually. "I am still a virgin," she had admitted bitterly to her aunt some months before.

Stopping to put her scarf on against the cold wind, she thought again of the journey she'd made less than a week before, full of apprehension, to join her husband in Canada. It was no happy reunion. "I feel like a prisoner," she'd written her relations a couple of days after arriving in Toronto.

Her husband beckoned, and she followed him across the clearing and along a gully leading into the hardwood bush.

The next spring on a bright April day two girls, Linda Bottrell and Brenda Harvey, both 12, whose families lived nearby, were picking their way around patches of old snow in the woods when Linda saw what she thought was a bear.

But it didn't move. And as they edged closer they saw it was the raised haunches of a woman. Humble wife to the last, Ravinder Kali Rai had been kneeling in supplication when she was shot. She had pitched forward on her face.

The two girls turned and ran, the picture of those brown striped slacks, the black hair lying in the dead leaves, printed on their minds forever.

A young bride's lonely bus rid to oblivion

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But it didn't move. And as they edged closer they saw it was the raised haunches of a woman: Humble wife to the last, Ravinder Kali Rai had been kneeling in supplication when she was shot. She had pitched forward on her face.

The two girls turned and ran, the picture of those brown striped slacks, the black hair lying in the dead leaves, printed on their minds forever.

For Detective Inspector Geoff Cooper of the Ontario Provincial Police, called to the scene right away, the case was initially a baffling one. There were no signs of identification on or near the body, and her clothing and the pathetic contents of her white plastic handbag - the Persian Melon lipstick, the Pond's face cream - bore British labels or price stickers. And with her gold earrings and aquiline profile, Cooper's first thought was that she was a gypsy or perhaps from an Andean country such as Peru.

But as it unfolded the case revealed a remarkable story of clashes between old and new cultures. And it finally took an unusual measure of police persistence and some real strokes of forensic luck before the killer was convicted.

Drawing on his memory of British police techniques used in the Haigh acid bath murders, Cooper had the ground all around the murder scene marked off in a grid of white tape. Then each square of earth was dug up, put in a marked bag and taken to a police garage where, under crack OPP identification man Sgt. Scott Raybould, the earth was searched first by hand, then with metal detectors.

The search revealed three .22 bullet casings in addition to one already found at the scene. The murderer had shrewdly used mushroom bullets that fragment on impact, but with one undamaged portion of a bullet found in the hip, and the four casings, a ballistic expert was eventually able to pinpoint the gun used.

Cooper's second stroke of luck came as he chatted with Metro police homicide detectives at the Lombard St. morgue as he waited for the results of the autopsy.

Come to think of it, said one of the officers, a couple of their homicide colleagues were investigating the disappearance of an East Indian woman in Toronto in December. Her husband had returned to England claiming she had fallen into Lake Ontario on a boat trip. For the first time Cooper heard the name of Sardara Singh Kali Rai, Indian by birth, but in accent and outlook and under the name Steve Rye, as English as roast beef and Yorkshire pudding.

Rye had moved to Nottingham in England from India with his parents when he was 11, and apart from his dark film star good looks, he soon became indistinguishable from the English youngsters with whom he went to school.

Soccer was his passion, and eventually he even played on a try-out team for professional Aston Villa Football Club, but a leg injury ruined his future in the game.

After attending the People's College of Further Education, he got a job testing telephone circuitry. In their spare time, recalled his best friend of that time, Mike Singh, he and Steve used to tour the pubs, drinking beer with the best of them and talking sports, especially soccer.

"But there was one thing about Steve - he was always scared of his father," said Mike, married now with children and living in Scarborough. "His father was a military type, he'd served with the British army, and he was a real disciplinarian.

"One time when he was about 2[0], Steve bought a moped - a little motorcycle. 'First I'm going to throw you out, and then I'm going to throw your motorcycle out,' his father told him. So Steve had to get rid of it," said Mike.

Then, like so many Indian parents, his father decided it was time to arrange a marriage for his son - not with one of the flighty, flashy young English-bred Indian girls, but with an old-fashioned bride from India.

Through a family friend, Dalip Singh, who lived in Derby, the search focussed on young Ravinder, Dalip's niece. "Steve wasn't really opposed. A middleman said he'd seen her and she was a real beauty. Steve wanted a showpiece. Someone he'd be proud to take around," said Mike.

Steve and his family went to meet the girl at Heathrow Airport in London - although by tradition he wasn't allowed to speak to her. And when he saw her, his heart sank. Ravinder was strongly built, with deepset eyes, and strong, spaced front teeth. "She was a homely girl," admitted Mike. "Steve was very depressed about it."

But with his father exerting pressure, he went through first with the civil ceremony at the Registry Office, and then with the religious ceremony at the Sikh temple in Derby in November, 1972. The young couple lived with his parents, but it wasn't long before Ravinder was complaining to her aunt in Derby of her unhappiness.

She was still a virgin, and Steve insisted they sleep in separate beds, she complained. He had even beaten her, but this came to a stop after Steve's father spoke to him about it.

Mike meanwhile had gone back to England on a trip from Canada where he was doing well, and Steve quickly grabbed on to the notion of moving to Toronto. He would fix her once he got her beyond the reach of their families, he threatened Ravinder.

So on Nov. 1, 1973, Steve and Mike flew together to Toronto, and shared the basement apartment Mike occupied on Evans Ave. in Etobicoke. "My wife was in India, and he was always asking me how I could be without her, and why didn't I bring her over," recalled Mike.

Steve very soon got a job in quality control at Irwin Toys. "Boy, he could talk. That's how he got the job. Everybody liked Steve. I never knew anybody who didn't like him."

Steve was now working seven days a week, bringing home between $250 and $300 and taking pride in showing Mike how his bank balance was growing. He never mentioned any unhappiness with his wife to Mike, and he soon sent a message for her to come out to Toronto to join him.

But Steve wasn't the happy young husband he seemed. A work mate, Frank Kissoon, remembers Steve asking him "if I would get rid of my wife if I had the opportunity of getting a lot of money, and if so, how would I do it? He said that a guy he knew in England had this problem. He asked me for suggestions as to how I would do it so that the police or anyone else would not be suspicious," said Kissoon.

[To be continued].....

MORE FUNDS FOR INDIA'S ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY

New Delhi, (UNI) - India's Sixth Five-year Plan has provided for an outlay of Rs 105.53 million for new schemes and programmes in the field of electronics during the year 1980-81.

Janmashtami celebrated

Toronto: Addressing about 4,000 people celebrating JANMASHTAMI Superintendent Eric Wright of the Metropolitan Police Force said that the people of Toronto must work with the police. He said that the various cultures made Toronto an interesting city. He said that while Toronto is safe, we must all work to make it a safer place. He stressed the necessity of co-ordinating police functions.

Sol Litman of The Toronto Star said that he was neither a priest nor a rabbi, and so he must speak from the point of view of being a sociologist and a journalist. He said that he wished he could answer all the letters to the editor that say 'if the immigrants don't like it here, let them go back'. He said this is a sad attitude. He said that Toronto is an interesting city because of the variety of cultures. He said that everyone has the right to worship as they choose, and that everyone has the right to persuade others to worship as they do as well. He said that if religion is to be free, it must free people to question the religion.

Ying Hope, Alderman for Ward 5, congratulated the devotees on their work and the progress of the temple. He said that we must try to understand the meaning of the word KARMA. He said we must try to sow the action of love. He said that the varieties of cultures and religions make Toronto an interesting city. He also reminded everyone to work at the municipal level of government, for he said the grass roots level of government is the municipal level.

The program was organized by International Society of Krishna Consciousness.

Smugglers caught

New Delhi (IBS) - Smuggled goods, including large quantities of gold, silver valued at 5.8 million dollars by the collectorate of customs, Bombay, were seized at the metropolitan port city last month.

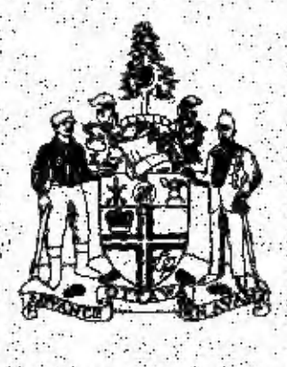
Allegedly the contraband being channeled from two or three major cities, including the Capital, out through Bombay, the goods are supposed to belong to some of the big names in smuggling, who are back in business.

Forty-one persons were arrested in 83 cases of smuggling. One-point-six million dollars worth of gold was seized in two days of operation from suburbia Bombay. The Collector of Customs, N.B. Sonavane, stated that recently a police sub-inspector and police writer were both rounded up for being hand-in-glove with the smugglers. The cop, Sadanand Thete and the writer, Hassan Abbas Shaikh were caught near Sahar village. A search of a briefcase in their possession found 601 Japanese wrist watches and four saris, valued at 1,20,000 dollars. A search of Thete's house led to the recovery of 36 bottles of smuggled Scotch whisky, foreign currency and blue films were recovered. Shaikh's house yielded National Savings Certificates to the tune of 4,000 dollars.

Detention of two passengers on a Sabena Airlines flight recently led to the recovery of 6,000 dollars worth of morphine - the drug will sell for around 50,000 dollars in the international market.

INDIA STEPS UP MEDICINE EXPORTS

New Delhi (UNI) - Bahrain, Kuwait, Muscat and Saudi Arabia were among the countries that imported from India allopathic medicines in finished formulations during 1979-80, according to an official report. Other countries that went in for large imports of patent and proprietory allopathic medicines from India were Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Thailand, Nepal, Tanzania, Nigeria and Kenya.



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By Pranati SenGupta

IT'S TIME TO MAKE SWEETS

Autumn (Aswin) is India's great festival time. It starts with Durga Puja when images of Durga (Bengal's most popular deity) and her four children are worshipped. After the tremendous heat wave and monsoon rain, when the skies are blue and the earth is fresh and green, 'Durga Puja' is celebrated by the Bengalies. The home comes to life with great excitement as the holiday approaches. Children live for weeks in pleasant anticipation of the four day fun and festivity that lies ahead. They look forward especially to the gifts that will be presented to them. At the same time Navratra (a vow) is observed by many Indians. It starts on the first day of Suklapaksha which is the bright half of the lunar month of Aswin and is completed on the ninth day (which is the third and final day of puja). The first prayer which starts traditionally under a tree on the eve of Durga Puja is called 'Shasti' or 'Bodhana'. The main puja (idol worship) starts on the next morning and continues until the ninth day of Nawrata. Puja starts early each morning with a great beating of the drums. Goddesses are offered fruits and cooked food. When the puja is over people are served these food as a 'prasad' (food with god's blessings). Shondi puja and Arati with a rhythmic drum beat concludes the evening ceremony. It is said Ma (mother) Durga descends to earth from the heaven only for three days to destroy the forces of evil. On the fourth day the immersion of the image marks the triumph of good over the forces of evil and starts Dashera festival.

Dashera is celebrated by all Hindus. In Delhi the festival comes to a climax with a traditional large procession and then burning of a giant demon made of bamboo and stuffed with fire crackers. In some other cities, Dashera celebrated as an autumn festival with fair (displays and exhibits of the goods from all over the valley). Relatives gather from all corners of India and enjoy the happy time. They share good food (especially sweet meats) and exchange news. This is the time of the year that sweet shops make the most money. Colourful burfies and sundry other delicious sweetmeats not only make the shop more decorative but also attract customers. Very few people in India try to make these complicated and delicate sweets, but all can enjoy them at a reasonable price just from the corner sweet-shop. Without having that advantage, we (overseas Indians) have had to try to make our own sweets and believe it or not it's not as complicated as we were made to believe. With a little practice and patience, you can prepare the same old goodies that you used to love so much when you were young. After Dashera comes the most popular Hindu religious festival - Diwali, popularly known as a festival of lights. Most Hindu families illuminate their roof, garden, balconies and windows at night with little earthen lamps or candles and thus whole cities are transformed into a fairyland of lights. In some provinces people worship Lakshmi (the goddess of wealth) while in Bengal they worship Kali (the goddess of power and strength). Finally the colourful fireworks and the echo of fire works bring happiness to all. Diwali is also a time for family reunion. Sweets and greetings are exchanged.

For me, Dashera is not complete without the fun of making some home-made sweetmeats. Pistachio nuts, one of the ingredients for the filling, are so expensive that I decided to cut costs by adding raisins with a small amount of pistachio. The tricky part of making this sweet is rolling. It requires a little practice to learn to roll the sweets and fry them effectively. This is a very delicious but complicated sweet. So please read the recipe a few times before you start. It's a lot of work but you will love the end result.

CHANDRA KETU

1 coconut
½ oz. rice flour
2 qt. homogenized milk (for channa)
¾ cup sugar
1 qt. half & half milk (for khir)

Filling

2 tbsp. finely chopped pistachio nuts
¼ cup chopped raisins
¼ cup dry khir
2 tbsp. sugar
½ tsp. ground cardamon

Syrup:

3 cups sugar
1¼ cup water

Ghee for frying (made from 1 pound unsalted butter)

Using a hammer, break the coconut in half. Grate it in the food processor, if you have one, to blend until creamy. (Or you may use a blender, but add a little milk in the jar before adding the coconut). The success of this recipe depends on the fine texture of the coconut. The creamier the coconut, the better the result will be.

Prepare channa from 2 qt. homogenized milk. Drain thoroughly. Make khir from 1 qt. half & half milk. It will take about 2 hours. The milk should evaporate until it becomes a soft dough. Do not forget to stir while it is boiling. When khir has the right consistency, reserve ¼ cup for the filling. Knead channa until creamy. Combine creamy coconut and ¾ cup sugar and cook over medium heat, stirring all the time with a wooden spoon until the mixture becomes sticky and makes a ball. Add rest of the khir and channa to the pan. Cook for another 15 minutes, or until the mixture is dry and sticky. Add rice flour and cook another 3 to 5 minutes. Chill.

Make filling: Combine ¼ cup reserved khir, pistachio nuts, 2 tbsp. sugar, raisins, and cardamon. Now divide coconut mixture into balls about 1½ inch in diameter. Roll gently each ball as thin as possible between two sheets of waxed paper. Put a little filling on one side of the rolled circles. Moisten the edges with little milk and fold over and press the sides firmly. Finish all the coconut balls in the same manner.

Heat ghee in a small deep pan. Slowly deep fry the sweets over medium-low heat; high temperature will burn them quickly. Remove from ghee and place them on paper towels to drain. When all are fried and drained, let them cool at room temperature.

Meanwhile prepare syrup:

Combine sugar and water in a medium saucepan and, stirring constantly, cook over moderate heat until the sugar dissolves. Increase the heat to high and, timing it from the moment the syrup boils, cook briskly, uncovered (do not stir), for about 6 minutes, or until the syrup reaches a temperature of 220F. on a candy thermometer. While the syrup is boiling, butter a large glass baking dish to hold the sweets in a single layer. Dip one sweet at a time in the hot syrup holding with a tong and place on a buttered dish (single layer). As the syrup cools, it will dry out like hard sugar on top of the sweet. To get that effect the fried sweet should be cooled while the syrup is really hot.

IA to operate Gulf airbus

New Delhi (IBS) - Indian Airlines might operate one of its airbus flights right up to the Gulf countries and even some Far East Asian countries for Air India.

A.H. Mehta did not give a 100 per cent clearance to the scheme yet, but stated that talks between the two airlines were promising. He said, among other things, Indian Airlines planned to keep the same fare structure for the flights, but possibly add fuel surcharge if the need was felt. He said that 45 per cent of the revenue was being drained by the oil countries at the moment. While stating that the present depression would possibly continue till next year, he hoped Indian Airlines would be able to operate a fleet of 20 airbuses and 50 Boeings by the next decade.

Pak embassy stoned

New Delhi (IBS) - About 60 demonstrators converged in a bus upon the Pakistan Embassy at pretentious Shantipath on Tuesday and hurled stones at the edifice, shouting slogans against Islamabad.

The demonstrators hit the building around 7 p.m., and broke some flower pots and two glass lamps atop the gates. Police, who arrived half an hour later were in time to collect the evidence.

Observers feel that the mob attacked the Embassy as a retaliation measure to protest against the alleged beating up of an Indian working in the Pakistan centre at Islamabad, which had been played up in most publications yesterday.

Oil in Arunachal

Gauhati (Assam) (UNI) - Oil with commercial potential has been found in the Kharsangh Structure in the east Indian State of Arunachal Pradesh, according to sources close to Oil India Limited (OIL).

According to the test carried out by OIL authorities, the flow of oil is rated at 300 barrels per day. The oil has been found in the fourth well which had been drilled up to a depth of 3400 metres.

Rajasthan oil search

New Delhi, (UNI) - Oil India Limited (OIL) jointly owned by the Indian Government and the Burmah Oil Company, will engage a U.S. firm to take up seismic survey in Rajasthan to locate potential oil-bearing areas.

The project is considered feasible in the light of the fact that the contiguous Pakistan area of West Punjab, across the Rajasthan border, oil has been struck. Indian geologists have long held the view that there are subterranian oil deposits in this area of the sub-continent.

Task Force force on immigration

Ottawa, September 22, 1980: The establishment of a task force on immigration practices and procedures was announced today by Employment and Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy.

The task force will advise the Minister on the extent to which the objectives of the Immigration Act (1976) are being met under existing regulations, procedures and practices.

Mr. Axworthy stated that he was concerned about the effect of rapidly growing workloads and increasingly complex procedures on immigration services and the officials who provide them. "Nearly three years after the introduction of a new Immigration Act, it is time to reflect on our experiences and see whether steps could be taken to improve our services", he said.

A list of the task force members is attached.

W.G. Robinson - (Chairman). Mr. Robinson is practising law in Vancouver.

Carter Hoppe: Mr. Hoppe - a former special counsel on immigration to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, practises law in Toronto.

David Matas: Mr. Matas is now practising law in Winnipeg.

Ed Ratushny: - Currently, he is a member of the Faculty of Common Law at the University of Ottawa where he teaches administrative law, criminal procedure and evidence.

Manon Vennat: - She is a director of Frontier College, the Canadian Cancer Society, and the Visual Arts Centre of Montreal. She practises law in Montreal.

Repatriation of Sri Lanka Indians

Colombo, Oct. 3 (UNI) - Nearly 350,000 people of Indian origin in Sri Lanka are yet to be repatriated, although 15-year operative period of the 1964 agreement between the then Prime Minister of the two countries Lal Bahadhur Shasri and Mrs. Shimavo Bandaranaike has lapsed.

According to immigration department sources here 80,424 of these people are holders of Indian passports, of whom 67,307 persons obtained their passports over a year ago and are overstaying in Sri Lanka. The number of persons granted Sri Lanka citizenship under the agreement up to June this year is 149,198 adults and their 42,441 children.

So far 2,60,994 adults and 78,000 children of Indian origin have been repatriated from Sri Lanka to India. Under the Sirimavo-Shastri agreement, Sri Lanka agreed to grant citizenship to 300,000 persons while India agreed to take back 525,000 persons on a phased 15-year programme. Later the two countries agreed to equally share the remaining 130,000 people and their children uncovered by the agreement.

New techniques for film exhibition

New Delhi (UNI) - A veteran film baker has come out with an idea to make film exhibition inexpensive.

D. Jos Thottan, the inventor of the system, said the entire thing was a make-shift assembly and could be transported in a truck to villages. The system, which he calls "videma," is based on the latest video technology.

"Videma" is designed in the shape of a flower, with five petals rounded at the periphery. Each petal or segment would be 39 feet broad at the periphery, narrowing down to 23 feet at the stamen end.

The stamen in the centre, 25 feet in diameter, would have the video tape recorder (VTR) that would simultaneously feed a 51 centimetre television in each of the segments.

The segments provide for 400 seats each, in seven rows.

Mr. Thottan said he had successfully experimented on a single video tape recorder, feeding several television receiver sets simultaneously. A "Videma" could have temporary construction of pre-cut slanted angles and asbestos sheets, to be executed in a few hours.

The design provides for a double staircase, housing the ticket booking counter, restaurant and toilet, and a 25 feet wide corridor all round the complex. The total cost would be less than 20 per cent of a city cinema house.

Mr. Thottan said "Videma" could help producers of low-budget regional films find exhibition outlets. The films could be transferred to a VTR at a rate of Rs 750 from a single 35 mm print.

The cost of a dozen VTR prints would be Rs 9,000 against the Rs 3,00,000 on 35 mm prints meant for a theatre. The cost of a film-to-tape transfer machine, presently Rs. 4,50,000, could be brought down when produced on a mass scale.

Careless use of radium

Trivandrum, Oct. 3 (UNI) - Two scientists have alleged that Indian hospitals using radium therapy are handling the radionuclide "most carelessly" and called for its compulsory replacement by safer substitutes if conditions do not improve.

In a paper presented at the third congress of the Association of Radiation oncologists here, K.S. Parthasarathy and K. Unnikrishnan of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) said periodic leak testing, an essential procedure, was not done in Indian hospitals. There was also lack of safety precautions.

They said the presence of a single leaky source itself was a warning sign, but many hospitals did not have contamination monitors.

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The volume is a well researched one and it is hoped that the author will some day produce a similar work based on South Indian music tradition as well.

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Both scientists have been recognized by other societies: Ramachandran is a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chemistry and a Fellow of the Institute of Ceramics (London); Sereda won the ASTM Sam Tour award in 1960 for his work on atmospheric corrosion and was joint recipient of the Engineering Institute of Canada Plummer Gold Medal for developing a new model for hydrated cement.

One job for a family

New Delhi, (UNI) - The State Governments in the Indian Union have approved the centre's proposed labour policy for the Sixth Five-Year Plan suggesting a scheme for identification of families without any employed person with a view to providing one job per family.

Chief Ministers owe rent

New Delhi (IBS) - While Nixon's vice-president Mr. Agnew had to resign portfolio for alleged income tax evasion during the disasterous Watergate era, India's then Defence Minister Jagjivan Ram was reportedly 'too busy" for 10 years, during Mrs. Gandhi's regime", concerned with matters of national importance" and thus "forgot to file or pay his income-tax for a decade", without harm coming his way.

Now reports have filtered in that no less than five former Chief Ministers of Madhya Pradesh are among 103 ex-ministers who owe rent amounting to over 3 hundred thousand dollars to the state exchequor for accommodation provided to them.

Ironically, the chief ministers who were given the government houses at subsidised rates, still failed to pay the money. They include D.P. Mishra, S.C. Shukla, V.K. Sakhlecha, Kailash Joshi and G.N. Singh.

There are over 502 state legislators who have also defaulted. Some of these are currently cabinet ministers. Their total rentage due is over 4,500,000 dollars. Members of the Legislative Assembly owe to the tune of 7,750,000 dollars. In some case the amount is pending for over two decades and if accumulative interest is added it would touch the 1 million dollar mark collectively.

Industrialists, former princes and princesses and businessmen with political ties getting 'free' accommodation are all in this bracket. Ironic in a country where the beggar bowl is still being taken around.

Canada Council grant

RINA SINGHA REDDY, well known Kathak dancer, choreographer, author and dance educator, will be leaving for Delhi as the recipient of a Canada Council Art Grant as choreographer.

She will be in India until early May when she will return to Toronto to complete the choreography of her new works based on themes from the Bible.

She plans to present her completed works in the fall of 1981.

On the threshold

Leaping from one success to another in the field of space research and technology, India is ready to launch its first telecommunication satellite INSAT-I in 1982. A master plan for utilising the satellite facilites to promote educational and mass communication projects is getting ready, says UNI Staff Correspondent Nachiketa Oesaf in this article.

India is on the threshold of a new era in telecommunications. The country's Space Application Centre (SAC) is ready with the master plan to utilise its first telecommunication satellite INSAT-I scheduled to be launched into space in 1982.

A SAC spokesman told UNI in Ahmedabad that a task force consisting of experts in communications, anthropology and management has been formed to prepare the master plan. The task force has invited proposals from various goverament and quasi-government agencies engaged in different developmental and educational activities regarding the use of the satellite.

The Government has also approved the setting up of 30 earth stations by the Posts and Telegraphs Department, a meteorological date utilisation centre and about 100 data collection platforms for collection and transmission of meteorological data from remote locations, the spokesman said. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has proposed setting up of ground TV stations for the satellite.

The spokesman said SAC's main aim was to fulfill the dream of India's pioneer in space and atomic research, the late Dr. Vikram Sarabai - of taking television to the poorest man and making him aware of the world he lives in so that he could liberate himself from illiteracy and ignorance.

If no effort was made towards attaining this goal there was a real danger of the satellite being used merely for the exchange of feature films and sports events between metropolitan cities, the spokesman said. There was also the danger of the communication satellite being used as a powerful publicity media by the party in power at the Centre.

"It would cost very little extra, so the Planning Commission would not object, the electronics industry would be happy, Doordarshan (Television) would not be required to make any special efforts and everyone who is vocal and has a say would be quite contented with the new space era in the country," the spokesman said.

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Like some of our dreams in air so thin.
A sadness long lingers, like the departure
Of another day, friend, or lover
And we all age away together --
A sister and a brother.
The days are 'small', but the nights 'large'
Our gaps are long and old
With folding wrinkles closing a misunderstanding,
Ceasing a love, or crashing a hope --
Avoiding the truth by even saying:
"We're a family tree with one root".

Nirmala Singh

Plans for passion fruit

Cochin, (UNI) - Learning from the experience of the flourishing passion fruit industry in Sri Lanka, a team of food technologists, economists and botanists from Kerala and Tamil Nadu headed by a Catholic Priest, Fr. P.G. George, has drawn up a Rs 10 million plan for making fruit preserves from passion fruit.

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